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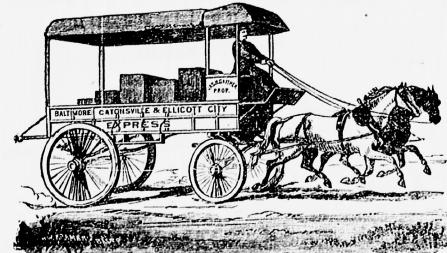
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tle there. But he was too cute for 'en He came over the mountains on a train that this wagon road we are en follows ver closely. near the mountain top-fried trout, fresh caught, hot biscuit, honey, golden butter and hot coffee, with an appetite whetted by the light air of an altitude half a mile above the ocean—was not to be despised. A dash down the steep and rocky sea ward face of the "Santa Ynez" on a road that clung to the giddy sides of yawning

Hobsonized the Clergyman.

t Rises From an Underground River In Missouri. West Indian Article. An immense natural monument of the nagnificent marble known as onyx is to e seen in the inner depths of a cave situited on a lonely mountain property remmed R. D. Kellogg of Des Moines. The ave that contains this agate giant is loated in the mountains at Camden county and is known as Ha Ha Tonka, deriving the boiling this refuse rises to the top of its name from a river which has its source there and which was so named by the Indians from its limpid loveliness, which they likened to laughing water. To get to the wonderful onyx monu-ment, which is as perfect as though chisel-forward through the froth, continually ed by a sculptor and well worth a trip across the continent to see, it is necessary. placed at the sides to catch it. to penetrate into a deep cave. The easiest way to travel is to row on the surface of a subterranean river which flows from one, becoming a striking imitation of the somewhere in the interior of the mountains and which leads into the heart of the cave, whose walls and roofs, seen in the light of the torches of visitors, are a tity of "lees" or dregs from previous ferglittering mass of mineral marvels. The

discoverers of this cave had rowed but a short distance on the subterranean river when they were astonished and wonder stricken to see the great onyx monument rising before them. It was perfect in for- liquid, which is rum in its raw state. It mation, immense in size and worth at the lowest valuation \$100,000. So perfect was the formation of this monument that it was at first hoped it would be possible to transport it by some means to one of the museums of the coun- negroes and coolies drink it when they try, but it was found that its size precludcan get it by the half pint, and from long ed the possibility of such an undertaking. For the present, therefore, it will be alfire and its intoxicating power. lowed to remain in the cave for the benefit of sightseers who wish to gaze on such a wonderful monument before it is destroved. So proud is the owner of the tion of burned molasses, and must then property of his cave and monument that be allowed to age. Like most other liq he proposes to build a railroad 43 miles uors, the older it becomes the finer is its long in order to bring the lonely spot on which the subterranean river is to be found | the stuff of which it is made will, despite in touch with the outer world. Ha Ha Tonka is located in Camder difficulty in forgetting its peculiarly un

county, Mo., and the Osage tribe of Inattractive origin.—New York Tribune. dians formerly inhabiting that portion of the country gave it its name. The topography and physical features of the country in the vicinity of the spring are characterized by scenery as grand and imposing as can be found anywhere. There are found no lofty mountains, no altitudinous peaks whose snow capped summits repose in a climate of eternal frosts, but instead there are beautiful forests, open woodlands, impulsive mountain streams, terraced hills, cavernous canvons, caves. grottoes and parks, a natural bridge, island, lake and subterranean river, high frowning silurian walls, rugged, corrugated and sinuous, upon whose grizzled countenances are chiseled an age so remote that one gazes in wonder and awe upon them; beautiful valleys and cozy coves, where forest birds sing and wild flowers bloom in endless profusion. It is a wonderful spot

In the great cave explorations have been your boat glides along new wonders are from the ceiling, which glitter like a starlit sky. Far in the interior of this cave the stream drifts your boat to a shingly bank, and, standing upon this bank, you can see the wonderful stalagmite monument of pure white onyx standing 35 feet high and 15 feet in diameter. The onyx of which this monument is formed is the finest to be found anywhere in the world. As is generally known, the material is used for cameos. It is mostly

brought from India, and some of the most beautiful from northern Africa. It is not usual to find anywhere in the world such great masses as are to be seen at Ha Ha Tonka.—Des Moines Register.

THE STAGECOACH.

It Will Soon Be a Thing of the Past In the West. The last ditch in which staging is to die s in southern California. The line now consists of a double daily service of six horse coaches running between Surf, at the southern terminus of the Coast Line division of the Southern Pacific railway. and Santa Barbara, Cal., which is now the northern terminus of the Southern Pacific. The filling of the gap, now only 70 miles wide, will complete another trunk line between San Francisco and Los An

A day's ride through the most entranc ing scenery I saw in California brought me from San Francisco to Lompoc, ready for the stage ride on the well equipped line that plies across the mountains to Santa Barbara.

Promptly at 6 o'clock in the morning the stage, drawn by six spirited horses, swung in a graceful curve to the porch of the hotel, its great body tossing on its leather springs like a ship in a billowy sea. The Wells Fargo express treasure box was stowed in the boot beneath the driver's seat, the United States mail sacks piled up on top of it. I climbed to the high seat beside the driver, Charley Jennings. Sharp "crack-cracks" punctuated the swish of the long lash through the mountain air. Twenty-four iron shod hoofs smote the hard, smooth road, and we were off in good old fashioned stagecoach style. "Which way lies the city of Santa Barbara?" I asked the driver as I looked up a

long valley that seemed completely walled in by towering tree and manzanite shrut covered mountains. "Up the 'Santa Ynez' valley," he said "and over the mountain right where you see that white cloud up there that has set down on the top of the mountain to rest. "How is the railroad to get over thes high, steep mountains?" I asked. "They don't go over. They go around them. The railroad will follow the beach of the ocean most of the way, but the have some pretty stiff work in one canyon It's deep and steep and mighty rocky When Fremont came in here from the south with his army in the forties, t Mexicans fortified that canyon. The thought he would have to go through it and they were prepared to give him a bat Dinner at Cold Spring ranch, perche

precipices, down, down, the six horses on a sweeping gallop, down on to the foothills, clothed in yellow mustard bloom Down into the valley, on to a broad coun try road, 60 feet wide, and then we cam to Santa Barbara. -- St. Louis Globe-Dem

The Rev. Mr. Butler of All Sain church, Harlow, England, was recently the victim of an enthusiastic woman wh saluted him in the presence of his congr gation. He had her summoned for assaul and to the court she explained that sh was a married woman and a member of the congregation. The rector's sermon moved her greatly, and when it had been concluded she approached him, and, throw ing her arms around him, implanted a vigorous kiss upon his nose. The offender had no defense to offer except that she loved the dear elergy; that the sermon did her a world of good, and she felt that she ought to show her appreciation of it in the only way possible.

The Process of Manufacture of the West Indian rum is made from the refuse juice, scum and general impurities of sugar as that article throws them off in the process of boiling. In sugar making after the juice has been pressed out of the fresh cane it is put into great vats and boiled down for a long time, to clear it of waste and undesirable matter. During the vat in a thick, yellowish froth or seum. The West Indian negroes who are usually employed in the sugar and rummaking establishments stand by with implements sweeping it off the vat into receptacles When cold this scum changes its yellow hue for another and still more unpleasant thick green slime which gathers upon stagnant pools. At this stage it is mixed with molasses, water and a certain quanmentations, and the whole compound is allowed to ferment for a week or two. Then distillation is begun, and the vapor which arises from the boiling mixture becomes when condensed a strong, colorless is about 90 cer cent pure alcohol, and, according to a northern man who recently tried it in that condition, "it burns like torchlight procession." A tablespoonful was all he wanted, but the West Indian

habit appear to be proof against both its To become the rum of commerce the raw, colorless product has first to be darkened to a rich golden brown by the addiquality. But those who have once seen its final good appearance, have no small

BISMARCK'S EXPEDIENTS. The Iron Chancellor Was an Adept

In Tricks Like These. The man of blood and iron was not above expedients when bloodshed and blows failed him or were unwise. He even Granulated Sugar, . was not above tears when orders, browbeatings and arguments were of no avail. The council considering the feasibility Canned Tomatoes. was keen for the forward campaign. Bismarck foresaw the dangers. Cholera was 5 Gal. Coal Oil, raging and would rage more fiercely di- Ginger Snaps, rectly an army was thrown into the country. It was an unmapped, unfamiliar These and other cogent reasons he advanced. The council was determined and the prince in what seemed a hopeless He retired to an apartment separated

from the council chamber by portieres. He threw himself upon a sofa and fell into a | Fine Salt, 4 bushel sack, nade for nearly one and a half miles. As | fit of violent weeping. The sound gave the councilors pause. They argued fur continually unfolded. Stalagmites hang ther and reconsidered, swinging finally into Bismarck's way of thinking. As far back as the days of his lieuter ancy, when he was with the Fourth Pom eranian uhlans at Treplow, he was clever at expedients-tricks is the nearer word. The colonel issued an order forbidding any officer of the regiment "to walk in the streets with a lighted cigar"-milder and less closely worded orders against smoking in public having been evaded one way and another. Even the new order was disregarded and the facts were reported to the colonel by the burgomaster, who wished to ingratiate himself with the powers Bismarck carried a bench through the streets, placed it on the pavement beneath the burgomaster's windows and, gather ing a party of officers, smoked so furious

ly that the poor man was well nigh driver from house and home. For this the party was brought before the colonel, who referred to the order against "walking in the streets with lighted cigar." "We were sitting in the streets with lighted cigars," said Lieutenant von Bis-

marck, and the matter ended.

Very rarely indeed does a British soldier allow fear to overcome his sense of duty but some old veteran will occasionally admit that he has known perhaps one such instance, and in reply to the question, "How is it we never read of such cases? he will answer: "One dead man is a small loss to a regiment. Besides one man running off may cause another to follow him, and a panic may thus set in. Before any one has time to think about it or issue an

order, depend upon it, one of his comrades for the honor of the regiment puts a bullet through him." Sir Charles Napier had an effective method of dealing with cowards. On one occasion a flying soldier was stopped by his fellows, who were about to shoot him when the general intervened. "Give the man another chance." he or dered. "Place him in the front rank, and if he turns again let him be shot." The man eagerly embraced this chance of life, overcame his fears and fought bravely for the rest of the day.-London

His Weather Prophet. A certain king had a philosopher upor whose judgment he depended. It happened that one day the king took it into his head to go hunting, and after summoning his nobles and making prepara tions he called his philosopher and asked him if it would rain. The philosopher told him it would not, and the king set out. While journeying along he met a countryman with a donkey. He advised them to return, "for," said he, "it will certainly rain." They smiled and passed on. Before they had gone many miles, however, they had reason to regret not having taken the advice, as, a heavy shower coming up, they were drenched to the skin. When they returned, the king reprimanded the philosopher for telling him it would be clear when it was not. "I met a countryman, and he knows a great deal more than you do, for he said it would rain, whereas you said it would not." The king then dismissed the philosopher and sent for the countryman. He soon appeared. "Tell me," said the king, "how did you know it would rain?" "I didn't know," said the rustic. "My donkey told me so. 'And how, pray, did he tell you so?'

"By pricking up his ears, your maj-The king then sent the countryma away, and, retaining the donkey, placed him in the office the philosopher had filled.

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A girl from Spokane, Wash., who had been visiting in Boston says she is tired of being laughed at because she has neverseen the Pacific ocean. She declares she fails to see why her Boston friends think it odd she has not seen the Pacific when they have never seen Plymouth rock nor Cape Cod sand deserts nor climbed to the top of Bunker Hill monument.

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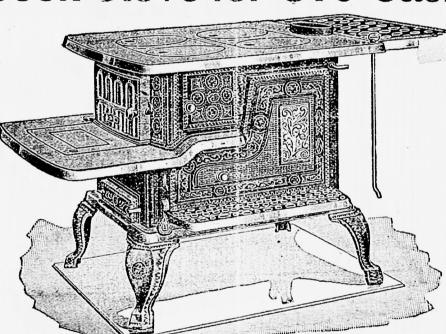
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